

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested. Claims 13-17 have been cancelled. Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1-12, as amended, will be pending.

Claims 1-12 have been provisionally rejected on the grounds of non-statutory type double patenting in view of co-pending application 10/468,380. Applicants have submitted a terminal disclaimer herewith. Accordingly, Applicant's respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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